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1. A conference is now being held in Shanghai to decide the future of the Chinese Maritime Customs in East China.

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2. 26 pensionable members of the staff of the Tsingtao Chinese Maritime Customs have been discharged with advance pay for two months.

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3. it would cost US \$250,000 to bring back to normal the lights and navigation aids north of Shanghai.

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Comment. the purge has begun and more long-time customs personnel to be discharged.

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